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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER

1. EMBASSY FORWARDED FEB. 8 LETTER FROM DR. JORGE ALVAREZ ADDRESSED TO YOU. LETTER SENT UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 1602131 IN POUCH NUMBER X34482.
2. ALVAREZ ASKED EMBOFF TO READ LETTER AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIM. SINCE LETTER CONTAINS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION BEYOND THAT CONTAINED REFTEL, WE SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LA CAUCUS OF WCSTT WOULD BE USEFUL. ALVAREZ WAS AGREEABLE AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. COLOMBIA, BOLIVIA, GUATEMALA, JAMAICA AND URUGUAY WERE AGREEABLE AT OUTSET OF CAUCUS TO PROPOSALS ALVAREZ DISCUSSED WITH YOU DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. DURING THE CAUCUS SESSIONS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, PANAMA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND CHILE INDICATED THEY WERE DISPOSED FAVORABLY. GUATEMALA CLAIMED TO SPEAK FOR OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES AND JAMAICA FOR THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. BRAZIL PROMISED TO CONSIDER A FORMAL URUGUAYAN PROPOSAL, IF PRESENTED, PROVIDED THAT SOME AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON REVISED MINIMUM CONDITIONS. ARGENTINA THOUGHT IT

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INOPPORTUNE TO PROCEED WITH STT NOW.

3. ALVAREZ SAYS THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT MINIMUM CONDITIONS HAD BEEN BADLY PRESENTED IN SANTIAGO AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED, PARTICULARLY TO ELIMINATE THE PRECONDITION ASPECT. DISCUSSIONS HAD REACHED THE STAGE OF NAMING A SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE WHDG CAUCUS DIVERTED FEB. 1 BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF US NON-ATTENDANCE.
 4. ALVAREZ ATTRIBUTES CHANGE IN ATTITUDE SINCE SANTIAGO MEETING TO BETTER ORGANIZATION OF SMALLER STATES AND ABSENCE OF PROTAGONISTS, SUCH AS MEXICO AND VENEZUELA. WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING HIS ASSESSMENT OF CAUCUS ATTITUDES, BUT MUST NOTE THAT ALVAREZ IS OPTIMISTIC BY NATURE.
 5. AT LEAST AS DESCRIBED TO US BY ALVAREZ THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION WITH ITS INTERIM STEP-BY-STEP DEVELOPMENT IS APPARENTLY VERY CLOSE TO THAT WHICH YOU AND HE DISCUSSED EARLIER. ALVAREZ ONCE AGAIN URGES THAT THE USG EXPRESS RENEWED INTEREST IN STT COOPERATION. HE THINKS THAT THIS COULD BE A USEFUL NON-POLITICAL VEHICLE FOR SHOWING CONTINUED CONCERN AT THIS TIME WITH LA ASPIRATIONS.
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